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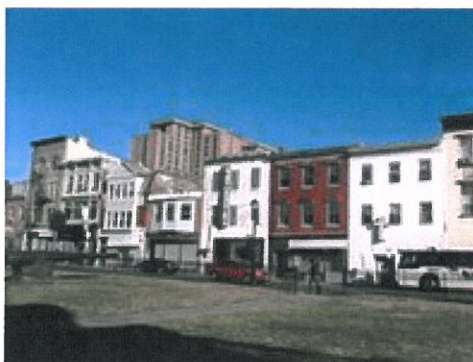
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#### Join Me in NYC Thursday



With the recent Council vote to landmark [Philipse Manor Historic District](#) while at the same time working toward allowing the [Greyston Foundation](#) to build workforce housing on the site that

they own, it was appropriate that the [NYS Association of Affordable Housing](#) invited me to join a panel on Strengthening Communities: A Focus on Historic Preservation and Affordable Housing from 3:15-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, 1535 Broadway in New York City.

This is part of a full-day conference which will be attended by Governor David A. Paterson, NYS DHCR Commissioner Deborah VanAmerongen, NYS HFA/SONYMA President and CEO Priscilla Almodovar, NYC HPD Commissioner Shaun Donovan, NYC Housing Development Corporation President Marc Jahr and close to 1,200 others.

The panel will explore the challenges and opportunities associated with the rehabilitation of historic properties for affordable housing. We will showcase successful projects, explore the financial incentives available, and discuss other tools that encourage the development of affordable housing as part of historic renovations and strengthening communities.

Moderator: Lorrie Pizzola, Deputy Commissioner, NYS DHCR.  
Panelists: Hon. Chuck Lesnick, President, Yonkers City Council President; Richard Libbey, Atlantic Beach Associates

& PKRML and Associates; Ruth Pierpont, Director of the Field Services Bureau, NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.

If anyone would like to attend, please call 718- 432- 2100.

#### YBW Panel Discussion Thursday



Fishbein, President, CapQuest Group, LLC.

In conjunction with [Yonkers Business Week](#), I was asked to give the introduction to "Saving Energy is Smart Money for Everyone" tomorrow, Thursday, May 8 from 8-10 a.m. at Ristorante Spiritoso on 811 McLean Ave.

Please come and enjoy breakfast with representatives from the [New York Power Authority](#) who will discuss achieving New York's '15 by '15 plan to cut energy use by 15 percent by 2015, as well as the [New York State Energy Research and Development Authority](#) to learn about energy-smart ideas and energy loan programs, among other topics.

Panelists include Patrice Courtney Strong, Coordinator, Mid-Hudson Energy Smart/NYSERDA; David D. Meade, Business Economic Development Project Manager, Anchin Block & Anchin's Business Economic Development Services Group; and Stanley S.

Speakers include Angelo S. Esposito, Senior Vice President Energy Services & Technology, New York Power Authority; and Richard Rathvon, Vice President, Reliant Energy.

Having just hosted Yonkers first [Green Week](#), a free city-wide event offering educational opportunities to residents about preserving and sustaining our natural environment, I am excited about this opportunity. Here in Yonkers and across the country, we see "green business" as good business in terms of recycling, energy efficiency and conservation.

By creating and applying such smart growth and sustainable development plans into our existing buildings and residences, in addition to all the proposed development in Yonkers, we hope to see higher returns, both financially and environmentally.

To that end, the City Council is setting standards for green development throughout the city, including Energy Star code changes and other exciting initiatives.

#### Gates of Hope

Yonkers Business Week was very well- attended this year, bringing a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to the City.

While I attended most every event, I have to say the highlight for me was riding in the NY Water Taxi from Yonkers to lower Manhattan and back with a group of business leaders including Providence, Rhode Island Mayor David Cicilline and Bill Struever from Struever, Fidelco, Cappelletti.

As we passed the abandoned Glenwood Power Station a conversation about adaptive re-use of the building ensued, with Bill expressing enthusiasm for this magical place.

Later, he repeated these comments on News 12 who had been running a story about the recent gang activity at the so- called "Gates of Hell."

Bill joins a list of four or five developers who have expressed interested in purchasing and reusing the building, making it less likely that the City would ever consider demolishing the site, as was proposed in the preliminary generic draft environmental impact statement for the Alexander St. corridor.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 14 of the Community Services Committee at 5:30 pm to discuss recent security measures requested of the current owner of the Glenwood Power Station and his plan for the future.

### Mother's Day is Sunday



Mother's Day celebrates motherhood and the positive contributions of women to society. It falls on the second Sunday of each May.

The holiday was started by Anna Marie Jarvis (1864-1948), who, following the death of her mother on May 9, 1905, devoted her life to establishing Mother's Day as a national, and later an international, holiday.

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